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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## **NOVEL BENZODIFURANIMIDAZOLINE AND BENZOFURANIMIDAZOLINE DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE FOR THE TREATMENT OF GLAUCOMA**

described and claimed in the specification identified as Attorney Docket No. 2345F USA, which is a national application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US02/39316 filed December 9, 2002, which draws priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/343,378 filed December 20, 2001 (the "Prior Applications") now abandoned.

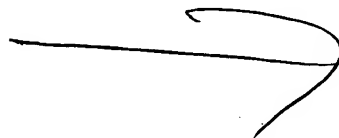
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- ( ) is attached hereto.
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

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